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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**DASH BOYLE HEIGHTS/EAST LOS ANGELES TRANSIT SERVICE
FUNDING AGREEMENT AMENDMENT
UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF EAST LOS ANGELES
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to approve an increase in funding for the DASH Boyle Heights/East Los Angeles Transit Service in unincorporated community of East Los Angeles and extension of the Funding Agreement with the City of Los Angeles.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that the Dash Boyle Heights/East Los Angeles Transit Service continues to be statutorily exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to execute an Amendment to the existing Funding Agreement with the City of Los Angeles to increase the maximum funding amount for the DASH Boyle Heights/East Los Angeles Transit Service from \$210,000 to \$250,000 for the current contract period; and to extend the agreement through May 9, 2011, for a not-to-exceed amount of \$333,000 from March 18, 2009, through March 17, 2010, and a not-to-exceed amount of \$409,000 from March 18, 2010, through May 9, 2011.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to approve additional funding for the current contract period and to extend the Funding Agreement with the City of Los Angeles (City) for the DASH Boyle Heights/East Los Angeles Transit Service (Service) through May 9, 2011. The Department of Public Works (Public Works) has cooperatively funded this Service with the City since March 2007.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provision of Service Excellence (Goal 1) and Community Services (Goal 6). This action provides services to the public in a responsive manner. The Service improves the mobility and quality of life of transit-dependent patrons.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The additional \$40,000 for the current contract period, which extends through March 17, 2009, will increase the funding available to \$250,000 upon Board approval. The maximum County of Los Angeles (County) contribution will be a not-to-exceed amount of \$333,000 for the contract period from March 18, 2009, through March 17, 2010, and a not-to-exceed amount of \$409,000 for the contract period from March 18, 2010, through May 9, 2011.

The necessary funds are available in the First Supervisorial District's Proposition A Local Return Transit Program, which is included in the Fiscal Year 2008-09 Transit Enterprise Fund Budget. Funds to finance the operating costs for Fiscal Year 2009-10 and Fiscal Year 2010-11 will be included in the annual budget process.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

In March 2007, the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) discontinued Metro Line No. 255, which provided a direct connection between the East Los Angeles Doctor's Hospital and the County University of Southern California Medical Center. The City extended the existing DASH Boyle Heights route to Whittier Boulevard in East Los Angeles to replace the cancelled Metro Line No. 255. The extended Service enabled East Los Angeles residents to reach community destinations, connect with regional transit services, and provided patrons with convenient connections to the County's El Sol Shuttle Service.

On March 13, 2007, Item 32, your Board approved Agreement No. 001818, from March 18, 2007, through March 17, 2009, for the County to contribute up to \$210,000 annually to the City to finance the County's share of the operating costs for the expanded Service into East Los Angeles. Based on route mileage within each jurisdiction, the County's share is 50 percent of the net operating costs (operating cost less Formula Allocation Program [FAP] funds and cash fares). The City received \$169,036 of FAP funds for Fiscal Year 2007-08 and \$169,046 for Fiscal Year 2008-09. The City anticipates receiving approximately \$169,000 per year of FAP funds for Fiscal Years 2009-10 and 2010-11 to supplement the operating costs for the Service.

On May 10, 2008, approximately two months into the second year of the Funding Agreement for the Service, the City entered into a new contract with MV Transportation, Inc. Based on the City's new contract, the hourly rates increased to \$74.43 from \$48.65 for the first year commencing May 10, 2008, will increase to \$78.20 for the second year commencing May 10, 2009, and will increase to \$81.78 for the third year commencing May 10, 2010. The rates are based on the competitive bid submitted to the City. As a result of the rate increase, an additional \$40,000 is needed to contribute towards the Service for the last two months of the current contract period.

The Amendment to Agreement No. 001818 (Amendment) with the City will include additional funding in the amount of \$40,000 for the current contract period and extend the Funding Agreement through May 9, 2011, for a not-to-exceed amount of \$333,000 from March 18, 2009, through March 17, 2010, and a not-to-exceed amount of \$409,000 from March 18, 2010, through May 9, 2011.

Upon approval, the City will be notified of our intent to continue contributing toward the operating costs for the Service. The Amendment will be approved as to form by County Counsel prior to execution by the Director of Public Works or her designee.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

This Service is statutorily exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 21080 (b) (10) of the Public Resources Code. This exemption provides for the implementation of passenger or commuter transit services.

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IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This action will allow the County to continue to participate in the Funding Agreement with the City to finance the operation of the Service in unincorporated East Los Angeles.

CONCLUSION

Upon approval, please return an adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Programs Development Division.

Respectfully submitted,



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Director of Public Works

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c: Chief Executive Office (Lari Sheehan)
County Counsel